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In the Soviet Navy NCO personnel wear shoulder boards of two distinctive lengths. The attached photographs of the shoulder board are of the longer type worn on overcoats or peacoats. The fleet designation is usually expressed on the long board only. Plate I is the top side of the board. The Russian letters stand for "Baltic Fleet". The rank braid is of slightly different design than is being worn at the present time. The rank indicated is Petty Officer First Class in the Soviet Navy or Sergeant in the Soviet Naval Infantry. Plate II is the bottom side of the board. The prominent Russian letters stand for "Arctic Fleet". The faint letter at the other end of the shoulder board indicates an unassigned petty officer or a C.P.O. When properly used it is found on the sleeve seam third of the shoulder board. In this case the symbol was evidently placed there by someone trying out a stencil. This shoulder board was probably constructed from material that had been salvaged thus accounting for all the symbols, the workmanship, and the overall appearance.

Enclosure: Photographs (2) of a Soviet Navy shoulder board.  
(Navy 5 sets, Air 1 set, Army 1 set, and OCD 1 set.)

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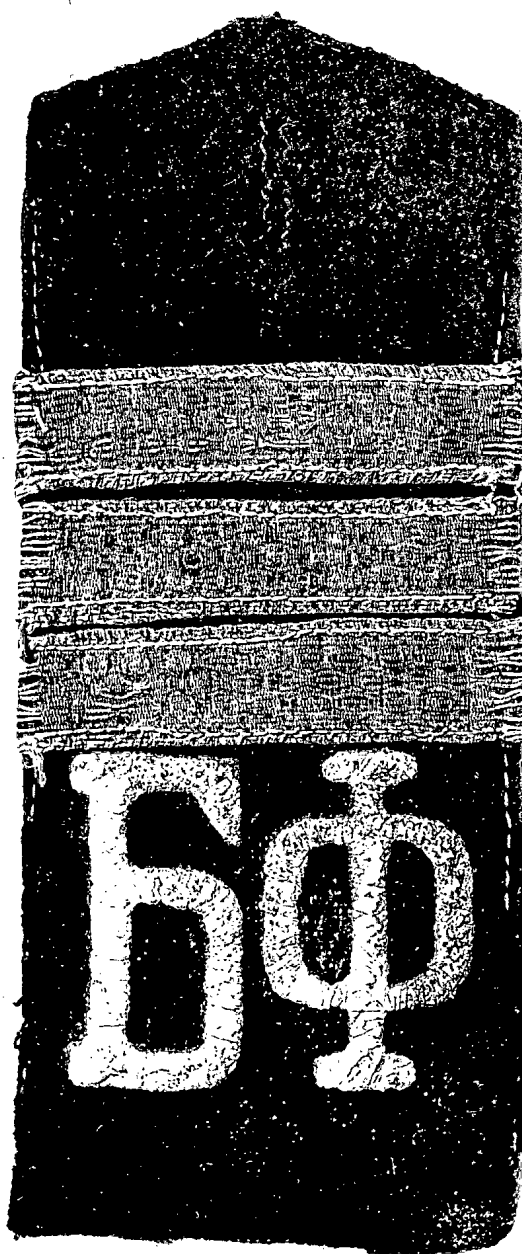
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